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REGULAR SESSION
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40th Legislative Day

April 30, 1997

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Robert Freeman, Grace United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Freeman.

PASTOR ROBERT FREEMAN:

(Prayer by Pastor Robert Freeman)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

At this time, Senator Sieben will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Reading of the Journal. Mr. Secretary. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Madam President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 29th, in the year 1997, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

There being no objection, it is so ordered. Committee --
House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 142.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 270, by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 591, Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 910, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator O'Malley offers House Bill 1147.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1261, by Senator Lawrence Welch -- Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1321, by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1392, presented by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1513, Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1680, by Senators Demuzio and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1876, Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1916, by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2157, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2174, Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2201, by Senators Fitzgerald and Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2241, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2245, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Dillard offers House Bill 2260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2047, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am? Wait just

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a moment.

SENATOR MYERS:

I rise on a -- I rise on a point of -- two points of personal privilege, please, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Would you please state your point?

SENATOR MYERS:

The first one is that I'm very proud to present to the Senate, right behind me, students and faculty and administrators from the most wonderful university that I know about, Eastern Illinois University. Would you please rise?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome. We welcome you here.

SENATOR MYERS:

I see Dr. Jorns is now there, too - the President of Eastern.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Dr.

SENATOR MYERS:

And secondly, I'm very proud to present to the Senate, Martha Mealer Smith, Miss Illinois Senior for 1997. Martha is a friend of mine, has been for many years, and I'm so very proud to present her to the Senate, too. Martha.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Martha. We're very proud of you. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes. If I could have the attention of all the Members, I'm

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making a special announcement on behalf of your spouses and your constituents back home. The Illinois Academy of Audiology is having a free hearing screening today, and I understand that many of us think that our spouses and constituents think we need to hear a little better. It takes approximately twenty minutes. If you'd like to have a free hearing screening, you can go down to Room 122B, and they'll provide that service for you, your staff, or anyone else. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Rea, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR REA:

Thank -- thank you, Madam Chairman. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

We are most honored to have a group of students and faculty to visit from southern Illinois, from the City of Herrin, actually from the Herrin High School, but it's much more than that. This is a group of students that have formed a bank, the first bank of any high school in the State of Illinois. They are -- done an exceptional job. They are here today to also attend a Financial Institutions Committee hearing, and will testify in committee. So I think that this is a good example of where they are participating in the decision-making process of State government, and we're very honored to have them here and to have them to be a part of us today. And they're up here in the gallery to my left, and let's all welcome them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to Springfield, and congratulations upon your accomplishments. Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 1373, 1410 and 2138 Do Pass; and House Bills 358 and 1315 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 574 and 2132 Do Pass; House Bill 754 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 218, 248, 288, 596, 1115, 1233, 1388 and 1618 Do Pass; and House Bills 844 and 2262 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 59, offered by Senator Tom Walsh and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. Page 7 of today's Calendar is the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. We're going to go into the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. We would appreciate it if the Members come to Floor and get into your seats, so we can proceed in the most orderly fashion. On page 7 of today's Calendar is the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. Gannett News Service is asking to take still photos of the Senate Floor. Hearing no objection, they are permitted to do so. I don't mind your conversations, because I'm just as guilty of it as you are. However, will you please tone down your conversations so that I can hear the bills when they're read and the other people can, too? Are we ready, Madam Secretary? House Bill 15. Mr. Madigan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 15.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...Reading. Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to introduce Paul Meyer, who is from Lake County, and he's from Senator Geo-Karis' district. Paul's a senior at Zion-Benton Township High School. He received the Illinois Congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy through Congressman John Porter. He's the son of Randy and Nola Meyer, residents of Zion, Illinois. Paul was born in the Republic of Panama while his parents were missionaries there. Paul is currently a Cadet Commander of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps of Zion-Benton Township High School, a member of the National Honor Society, as well as being named an Illinois State Scholar. A member of the High School's Varsity Club, Paul has lettered twice in football and wrestling. He intends to serve his country at Illinois -- in Illinois as a career officer in the United States Navy. And incidentally, Paul was born on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1978, the date that Senator Adeline Geo-Karis was first elected to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Paul. We're delighted. House Bill 56. Senator Karpel. Out of the record. House Bill 70. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 131. Senator Rauschenberger. Out of the record. House Bill 313. Senator Madigan. Out of the

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record. House Bill 345. Senator Radogno. Out of the record.
House Bill 366. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 366, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 345. I'm sorry. 408. House Bill 408. Senator Mahar. Out of the record. House Bill 488. Senator Walsh. Senator Walsh. Out of the record. House Bill 540. Senator Radogno. Senator Radogno. House Bill 540. Senator Radogno. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 540.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 618. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 652. Senator -- Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 652. Out of the record. House Bill 824. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 824.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments

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reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 898. Senator Maitland. Out of the record. 898. 994. House Bill 994. Senator O'Daniel. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 1004. Senator Radogno. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1004.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate {sic} Bill 1006. Senator Petka. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate {sic} Bill 1006.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 1036. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 1094. Senator -- Luechtefeld. I'm sorry. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1094.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1178. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1178.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1188. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1188.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1316. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben. Out of the record. House Bill 1417. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1417.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1492. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter. Out of the record. House Bill 1633. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1633.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

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Any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bills 602 and 1050; refer to Commerce and Industry Committee - House Bill 228; refer to Education Committee - House Bills 449, 689, and Senate Joint Resolutions 27 and 28; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - House Bill 708 -- pardon me -- that was 707, 1147, 1386, 1493, and Senate Resolution 53; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 18, 229, 368, 679, -- 735, 1261 and 2209; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - House Bills 992 {sic} (922), 1418 and 1577, and House Joint Resolution 8; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - House Bills 111, 143, 251, 535, 558, 620, 626, 673, 843, 974, 1142, 1311, 1490, 1565 and 1909; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bills 152, 165, 437, 759, 760, 1111, 1117, 1141, 1155, 1254, 1397, 1564, 1613, 1779, 2030, 2152, 2232 and 2287; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - House Bills 791, 955 and 1354; refer to Local Government and Elections Committee - House Bills 468, 480, 729, 1250, 1374, 1375, 1500 and 1916; refer to Public Health and Welfare Committee - House Bills 635, 1279, 1344, 1503, 1699, 1707, 2224; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bills 381, 631, 752, 1283, 1513 and 2201; refer to State Government Operations Committee - House Bills 695, 1806 and 1880; refer to Transportation Committee - House Bills 153, 265, 1210 and 2179.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

At this time, I'm going to introduce Senator Trotter, yield

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the Chair to him.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Good afternoon, everyone. I take pride, and I'm very proud this afternoon to introduce to you the pride of the south side of the City of Chicago. I have with me the -- the faculty, the principal, and the students from Chicago Vocational School. Chicago Vocational is located on the southeast side of Chicago and has been known in the past for great people like Juwan Howard, who plays for the Chicago {sic} Bullets, who'll be looking for another job after the Bulls whip them up tonight. But, also, Chris Zorich from the Bears. Dick Butkus. But, also, this school has been recognized by the President of these United States as being on the cutting edge of school reform. At a time when we're addressing school finance reform, as well as asking for more parental and for teacher accountability, this school has done that. They have taken their curriculums and divided their school up into eight mini schools. A very innovative program, which needs to be duplicated around this country. And at this time, I would like to bring to the mike the Principal of this great school, Dr. Despenza-Green.

DR. DESPENZA-GREEN:

(Remarks by Dr. Despenza-Green)

MR. MILLER:

(Remarks by Mr. Miller)

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Members of the Senate. This -- this is really important because these are our children. This is the future of the State of Illinois. Thank you for all your support. As we start discussing and sitting down at that table and really looking for some real dollars, think of these children. Thank you very much.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point of personal privilege.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. I want to recognize, in the gallery behind the President, teachers from School District 186 that are here visiting the Capitol today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, to the teachers visiting the Capitol today from Senator Bomke's district. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 60, offered by Senator Syverson.

And Senate Resolution 61, offered by Senator O'Malley.

They're both substantive, Madam President.

Senate Resolution 62, offered by Senators Demuzio and Severns. It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 372, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

The bill offered by Senator Cullerton.

House Bill 409, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 724, by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Clayborne offers House Bill 794.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 795, Senator Clayborne.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 796, by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1272, by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, last night we had another epic event - so unusual, that we had the most crowd attending this epic event: the site of the House and Senate annual baseball team, which was being sponsored for us by the Regional Commerce/Growth Association of St. Louis, Kelsey Lundy, active for it and to us, and our former legislator, Bob Walters, was the -- the umpire. I would like to commend the -- the -- now, cut it out, gentlemen. Anyway, I would like to commend the team members, and I want to commend the cocaptains and co-coaches, too, Frank Watson and John Cullerton, for a job well done. We won by twelve to nine. However, I would like now to mention the various players that we had. Barack Obama, who was fleet of foot, and he looked good in uniform. Terry Link, the rookie of the year. John Cullerton, the cocaptain, and he did hit some good ones. Tom Walsh, who had dropped his balls and then caught them when it was most important, and therefore, he was the most valuable player. Bob Molaro, who hit a beautiful home run and got us back into the scoring board, after we had nine to nine, to twelve to nine. And he's the County Board Chairman. Frank Watson, who is very fleet

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of foot and ran for Burzynski, and really crossed those bases fast. Chuy Garcia, who was sure hands, because he caught some real good ones in the far left field. Carl Hawkinson, who was the only pitcher we had, and he was the winning pitcher. The House had to put three pitchers in there. Dave Syverson, who stretched far enough to catch the ball on first base. Miguel del Valle, who made a great tag at home plate, kept the ball in his hand, so he got the guy out, when it was very critical for us. Brad Burzynski, for singing a beautiful Star-Spangled Banner for us. Larry Bomke, who had most beautiful legs in shorts that we've ever seen. And Ed Petka, he might have had bad knees, but he had good speed, and he did a good job. Rickey Hendon finally had a great catch after he dropped his balls before, and he saved -- helped save the game. George Shadid, who gave us our beautiful caps, and he was a one-for-one. And I want to tell you that that was one of the closest games we ever had. It was nine to zero, and then in, I think it was the fifth inning, the House made it nine to nine. And in the last inning, beautiful catches were made. Tommy Walsh came through. And I want to commend the Senate team for doing such a splendid, splendid job. Congratulations. We got the trophy again, and we had older but more experienced members than the House did. And there it goes. Congratulations. God bless.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you very much, Senator Geo-Karis. And we have with us today the sponsors of the event, and they have been, I believe, for the last six years, the Regional Commerce/Growth Association, out of St. Louis. The RCGA has sponsored the House/Senate softball game, and as you know, all fifty-nine Senators contributed to a fund that will be given to charity and -- and the game raises money for charity here in Springfield. So we're very -- we're very thankful for all of you for contributing, and we raised about eight hundred dollars for some local charity, which

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will be announced in the future, and we'll have them here to acknowledge that sometime before we adjourn. Have Kelsey Lundy here, who is the Governmental Affairs Officer for the Regional Commerce and Growth Association out of St. Louis. She's been here in Springfield a great deal over the last several weeks working on legislation that impacts southwestern Illinois, and we appreciate the work of the RCGA recognizing that Illinois is as much a part of the St. Louis region as -- as a good portion of Missouri. So we -- we thank them for that. And with that, I would like to have Kelsey give us the trophy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Hawkinson moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 11 a.m., Thursday, May 1st. Have a nice meeting. 11 a.m., May 1st, tomorrow morning, we're in Session. Senator -- Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to announce a caucus tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock sharp in Senator Pate Philip's Office. 8 o'clock sharp. Please be there on time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Republican Caucus, 8 a.m. sharp.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

A Republican Caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Tomorrow morning, in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement.

SENATOR KLEMM:

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The Senate Executive Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment. We don't have too many bills, so we'll move quickly. So, leaders, please show up quickly. Thank you.

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The Senate stands adjourned.

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